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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Huang Chen, Chief of PRC
Liaison Office in Washington
Han Hsu, Deputy Chief of PRC Liaison Office
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(Interpreter)

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Assistant to the
President for National Security Affairs
Brigadier General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy
Assistant to the President for National
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Lawrence Eagleburger, NSC Senior Staff
Richard Solomon, NSC Staff
Peter W. Rodman, NSC Staff

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, May 29, 1973
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

PLACE: Dr. Kissinger's Office
The White House

Kissinger: You didn't bring a spy with you. When Huang Hua arrived in
New York, the press said he had a master spy with him.

One other matter that concerns us very much, that I discussed with
Huang Hua Sunday, is Cambodia.

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We agree with the objectives which the Prime Minister stated to Ambassador Bruce, which is a neutral and independent Cambodia. We also agree very much with what Huang Hua said, that it should be a Cambodia free of outside interference.

Huang: And also a peaceful Cambodia.

Kissinger: But we sometimes have the impression Prince Sihanouk is too impatient. We think if talks could be started between the Phnom Penh Administration and the Khmer in the country, and if a ceasefire could be arranged -- say sixty days -- to allow negotiations to proceed, we could allow our people in Peking to begin talks with Sihanouk. Under those conditions we would of course stop the bombing. I go to Paris now next week, and we have pretty well settled the Vietnam issue and Laos issue -- and I gave your Ambassador the draft communique on Sunday.

Huang: Yes.

Kissinger: If then the fighting in Cambodia can be stopped, we will be in a position to have the Agreement strictly implemented, and there will be peace in Indochina. If not, we will have to bring pressure, and the whole process will continue. But we are prepared to face the realities of the situation. So given Prince Sihanouk's presence in Peking, any discussion that can take place with him before I leave here next Tuesday would be very much appreciated.

I have already said this to Ambassador Huang Hua, but I just wanted to underline the importance we attach to it.

The Ambassador always has to listen to my troubles with the North Vietnamese. You did this in Paris a few times. You always served me good food while you were doing it. [Laughter]

Huang: After so many years of negotiations in Paris, you finally reached agreement, and I hope it will be fully implemented. As for the views which you expressed concerning Cambodia, I will very speedily report to our Government. And Dr. Kissinger is of course very clear about Ambassador Bruce's talk with the Premier.

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